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MONDAY, DEC. 19, 1870.

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The Fire Commissioners have acquitted Chief Engineer McElroy on the charges of inefficiency and neglect of duty, preferred against him by Wormser, Meyers & Co. While we believe the verdict was eminently just and proper, still we think there was enough in the evidence to have forbidden the sweeping indictment and hearty endorsement of all the Engineer's words and conduct, on the occasion out of which grew the prosecution.

The Philadelphia Steamship Company again to wear the appearances of a reality. It is reported that $250,000 have already been subscribed. As the Pennsylvania Railroad has offered to subscribe $500,000, and as the capital stock has been fixed at $700,000, there is, if the report be correct, but $50,000 more to subscribe of the amount actually required. Although the amount required to be raised is fixed at $700,000, yet the capital stock is not limited to that amount. Four steamers are to be built at a cost of $500,000 each.

AMNESTY.

The difficulty that exists with regard to Amnesty is more of a technical nature, than from any practical objection that can be raised. We see very little reason in proposing exceptional amnesty. That is, of making such a distinction between a citizen in the late rebellion, as to excuse one and not another. In treason all should be principals, and more especially those guilty of overt acts. And though in a social or moral light, it may be true that a graduate of West Point who joined the Confederate cause, is more reprehensible than plain John Smith who killed just as many loyal men and worked as hard to destroy the Government, yet regarding it from a loyal standpoint based on a question of amnesty at this late day, the one is equally liable to punishment as is the other, and both should be classed in the same category when amnesty is to be considered.

Let us have an end of this question one way or the other, at an early day. We do not really think that a traitor from West Point is any more dangerous than any other Confederate officer not a graduate from West Point, provided this is the only difference existing between them. There are men in the South to-day, who never served in the United States army either as officers or privates, who are quite as much to be feared as any graduate of West Point, and yet the proposed exceptions will not affect them. The fact is, they were all traitors together, and should be dealt with for their treason, and not for what they were before they committed the offence. There are no grades of treason, and Congress should not endeavor to make any.

We hope, too, there will be as little debate on the subject as possible. It does not allay bitter feelings, while on the contrary it tends to exasperate the North and South. There is no need for members to air their loyalty by a bitter tirade of personal abuse against traitors and traitors. What we need is calmness and moderation. There are plenty of men *outside* of Congress, of sufficient ability to glut the political maw with anathemas, served up in every imaginable style, for members of Congress to feel relieved from all similar efforts. If, in proclaiming amnesty, we propose to claim credit for magnanimity, we shall be hardly able to do so by completely hiding it beneath vituperation and abuse. If it is to be declared, let it not be done churlishly, but with an open hand, and let all be excused or none. Congress may rest satisfied that whatever it may do, it will be called to an account by the people, and if it err at all, it had better be on the side of mercy.

PROTECTION.

Three hundred and fifty gentlemen—two hundred of whom were woolen manufacturers—met at Delmonico's on Wednesday evening. The meeting was not called in the interests of Protection, but was simply a complimentary dinner. There has never been gathered together in so small a number and upon an ordinary occasion so great an array of talent and ability. Hon. E. R. Hodge, of Massachusetts, presided, and speeches were made by Horace Greeley, John A. Griswold, John L. Hayes, Dr. Bellows and William E. Dodge. We cannot call attention to the numberless unanswerable arguments made in favor of Protection, but we desire to refer to an extract from the speech of Mr. Greeley. In response to the toast "*American Industry*—To foster and develop it is one of the highest duties of American statesmen," Mr. Greeley, among other things, said:

The simple question of Protection versus Free Trade should be brought right home to the anvils, to the shoemaker shops and the carpenters' shops of the country, and there discussed by journeymen over their dinner pails and their lunch, and considering what is best for the workmen and best for the country. And in save me I of their verdict that I ask nothing except that this question be made the issue of the day until this people shall again decide it, as they did in 1856 and 1860. I deem the opposite party to make the truths in the case as broad as clear, as sharp and as stringent as they can, and the more absolutely they make the issue the better I shall like it. I know what the people are, I know what they have decided, and so knowing, I rest sure the day when this question shall rest up all others, and shall be carried home to the hearts and understandings of this great American nation.

This is just where we desire the question to be brought. There is here no appeal either to passion or to prejudice. Down to the plain and practical workings of Free Trade among the laboring classes, Free Trade advocates have not, and dare not come. They are compelled to pander to the appetites, and feast their hearers on fabulous amounts put into the pockets of the manufacturers. They instil the idea that Free Trade would reduce the price of a spool of cotton, but they dare not tell the fact, that when no reduced wages would be so low, that, comparatively speaking, the spool of cotton would be more costly to the laborer than it is to-day. Mr. Greeley openly throws down the gauntlet—will Free Trade take it up as he requests. Let our working men know the practical workings. Drop all theoretical arguments over wool, pig iron, and everything else calculated to leave the man who has a few hours to read between the end of his day's work and his bed, confused and mystified. Let us have plain talk as that the people may all understand, and then if Free Trade is proved conclusively to advance the interests of the working man, let us have Free Trade. But if Protection protects him let us have a tariff sufficiently high to effect this.

CARL SCHURZ.

Carl Schurz has delivered an address in the Senate for the purpose of vindicating himself to Missouri. Had he confined himself to the question, he would have succeeded placing himself in a light, that so far as he is concerned, settles his connection with the Republican party. But Mr. Schurz goes further and and claims to be individually opposed to protection. He accepts that had the issue in Missouri been on the Tariff question, he believes the majority against the question would have been 100,000, rather than 42,000, as it was.

Carl Schurz is an able and an intelligent man, but ambitious to sit in the Stalwart Capitol, is crushing him. He is not the first able man that in his great desire to be a leader, has allowed his judgment to become perverted, and lent himself to political schemes, only to find his efforts barren of everything save disastrous results to himself. He, as is usual in all and cases, assumes the virtuous role and declares that his allegiance is due to Republican principle rather than party discipline, and then immediately asserts that a new party will probably be formed. Why does he say in one breath that he is a Republican, and the next breath that the Republican party is dead in Missouri? Simply because the learned Senator is endeavoring to carry water on both shoulders.

But he is an advocate of Free Trade. At the outset of the Missouri campaign, we urged upon our readers that the movement was in the advocacy of Free Trade. This was most sturdily denied, and Missouri papers urged that the whole question was one of enfranchisement. It was simply untrue. Enfranchisement was the vail thrown over the Free Trade skeleton, that votes might be gained for Brown. If Mr. Schurz was so confident of the result should the tariff question have arisen, why were not the two combined? Why was such a studious effort made to conceal Brown's Free Trade dogmas, and Schurz's individual preferences for Free Trade until after the election? Why bring the fact before the Senate now? Was not McClurg known to be a protectionist? It is all idle folly for Mr. Schurz, able as he is, to think he can blind the public to the fact that the people of Missouri have been betrayed, and that he is responsible in a great measure for the deciet.

Nor do we understand the special communication published in a contemporary, lauding this speech of Schurz to the skies. It may be that our manufacturing interests will be advanced by such heresies, but we fail to regard the efforts in that light. Carl Schurz is *not* a Republican any longer, nor shall we regard him as such. We regard the principles of the Republican party in that light that will secure a home, and a decent maintainance to the laborer and his family. If it does not do this, then we have mistaken the whole mission of Republicanism. As soon, therefore, as any man in the Senate or out of it, asserts that he is not in favor of protection, and that he does favor a new party, that moment we regard him as voluntarily abandoning Republican principles, and shall simply wait and watch for him to drift in with the doted lumber of Democracy. There can be but two great parties—even as far as members are concerned—in this Union. One is and will be the Republican party. Out of this Mr. Schurz has gone, and hand in hand with his Gubernatorial ambition wandered off to such some power to aid him in his political desires. He seems, however, at long last, to have made up his mind. He will not go, he says into the Democratic ranks. He cannot stand that. But he, Carl Schurz, will start a new party based on Free Trade. For if amnesty should be proclaimed, Schurz may well exclaim "Othello's occupations gone" unless he can find some new issue. He sees this fact, and accepts Free Trade. This, however, despite his protestations, is Democracy, and with them he will eventually land.

The effort to throw the blame on the President is supremely ridiculous and unworthy Carl Schurz. From his speech one would be led to infer, that Brown was elected, because the President interfered. But we would be pleased to know if Brown was nominated because the President interfered. Our recollection is that Brown was nominated before any interference. Was his nomination a farce, and did the people not desire his election? If they did, would he not have been elected whether the President interfered or not? The Republican party, says Schurz, is dead in Missouri. Did it die because the President interfered? Mr. Schurz says it died because the Republican party did not carry out its promise of enfranchisement. It made no such promise; but if it did, and that was the cause of Brown's election, what had the interference of the President to do with it? It made him enemies, says Mr. Schurz. This is strange, when Schurz asserts that the tariff question would have had 60,00 more of a majority against it, than had McClurg, the administration candidate. The fact is that Mr. Schurz, following the tone of Democratic journals, deems it his duty to find fault with the President, and having really no grounds, becomes most ludicrously entangled.

Personally we have nothing to say against the Senator. Every individual in this community has the right to choose his own political principles, and if Carl Schurz prefers free trade let him adopt it. If he is anxious to bring his German friends down to the level of the wages they received in Germany, he must account to them for it. But we censure him for not, in his public speeches in Missouri, coming boldly out and explaining to the citizens of that State that the real question was one of free trade, so that they might vote understandingly. Had he have done so, it would not have required him to make the uncorroborated and equivocal assertion that he uses in his speech with reference to the tariff.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

The Life of Henry John Temple, Viscount Palmerston, G. C. B., etc. By the Right Hon. Sir Henry Lytton Bulwer, G. C. B., M. P. Two volumes. Published by E. H. Butler & Co., Philadelphia. For sale by Oldendorp.

Lord Palmerston wielded a wonderful power in his day, not only among his countrymen, but in other nations. His firmness at times of a crisis in public affairs and his devotion to the cardinal principle in his ministeral life—upholding at every cost the honor and integrity of his government, and protecting the interests of the most obscure subject, were remarkable traits in his character. Every man felt, at home and abroad, that his interests would be faithfully presented by Palmerston at the nation's cost. The stirring events with which he has been connected, have rendered his name familiar in every English household. Great as the events were in which he has been a prominent character, they dwindle down into insignificance compared to our late war, or even the present struggle in Europe. The history of Palmerston is the history of the English nation, and every student of political affairs will find much in these volumes to interest him. The collections from his diaries and correspondence throw a flood of light upon remarkable events, and prominent men of the time. The work is beautifully printed and reproduced at great expense by this enterprising firm.

The American Speaker: designed for the use of schools, academies, Preparatory Seminaries, etc. By J. B. Sypher, author of the "Pennsylvania Reserve Corps," etc. Published by Cowperthwait & Co., Philadelphia. For sale by J. W. Pittock.

This excellent work is admirably suited for school purposes. It comprises selections of prose, poetry, and dialogues, many of which are of the most popular type. The editor has shown himself competent for the duties, as his former able works demonstrate. The arrangement of the selections are in a convenient form for reference, and embrace the writings of men whose names are very familiar to the public.

Two Hundred Oratory and Other Poems. By Lovell's Manual Publishers. Published by J. Ingersoll & Co., Philadelphia. For sale by E. Miner, Pittsburgh.

The author of these pretty poems entertains a much humbler view of the merits of this work, than the public are likely to. Without rising to the dignity of some great poets, this work nevertheless contains some charming word-painting. The principal poem, "The Ruined Statues," will attract attention, but the chief and crowning feature are the lesser poems, numbering fully fifty. The book is elegantly printed.

Appleton Magazine for 1871. Published by Hurd, Osgood & Co., Boston. For sale by S. A. Clarke & Co., Pittsburgh.

Beautiful as this gem of an Almanac has looked in former years, it surpasses this year any of its predecessors in many of its features. The arrangement throughout is better, and the elegant illustrations, especially the larger ones, are in fine taste and opportune. It contains a vast amount of information for all classes, and is worthy of a place in every office for its practical features, and worthy of the centre table, as an ornament, besides its useful matter.

My Apingi Kingdom. With Life in the Great Sahara. By Paul Du Chaillieu. Published by Harper & Brothers, New York. For sale by E. Miner, Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh.

Du Chaillieu needs no introduction to Young America, as his exploits in other places have been read by thousands of young people. As a lecturer he has held entranced multitudes with his inimitable accounts of travel and adventure. The book embodies all the chain of narration, like his previous works, and there is a vast fund of historical information woven into it, that will be useful and instructive. The volume is elegantly illustrated and neatly bound, and is admirably suited for a holiday gift.

Puck's Nightly Pranks. Illustrated by Paul Konewka. Translated from the German by Ludwig Bund. By Chas. T. Brooks. Published by Roberts Brothers, Boston.

This is a pretty specimen of the artist Konewka figures and of typography. The paper is of the finest board paper. The fine silhoutte illustrations faithfully represent the text in verse, and are exceedingly attractive, and will be an enjoyable book for young people.

Ten Times One is Ten; the Possible Reformation. A story in nine chapters. By Col. Frederick Ingham. Published by Roberts Brothers, Boston. For sale by Robert R. S. Davis & Co., Pittsburgh.

This little volume is unique, and yet embodies much that may be turned to practical use. The book will interest young people from the fact that it is sprightly and original in style. It contains lessons to show the importance and possibility of doing good, and promoting beneficent influences. The gifted author understands how to make a book popular which every talented man does not succeed in accomplishing. Some views of the author, however, we cannot endorse.

Rose Mareboro. By S. J. Pritchard. Hyacinth and Her Brothers. By Jerome H. Matthews. Published by Carter & Brothers, New York. For sale by S. A. Clarke & Co., Pittsburgh.

The first named is a story of much interest to young people, and contains moral and religious lessons that are calculated to ennoble and elevate youthful minds. It is an excellent book for the family circle, and no doubt will grace the library of many of the Sunday Schools. "Hyacinthe and her Brothers," is the fifth volume of the "Floweret Series," and illustrates the Sixth Commandment in a very interesting form. The little folks will enjoy the story.

My Summer in the Garden. By Charles Dudley Warner. Published by Fields, Osgood & Co., Boston. For sale by S. A. Clarke & Co., Pittsburgh.

We have in these delightful chapters much that will interest and entertain the reader. There is a charm thrown over common place things that few at first thought could scarcely imagine was probable. These pages embody the research and practical experience of one who is thoroughly master of his subject. It ought to, and doubtless will, be a popular book.

We Girls: A Home Story. By Mrs. A. D. Whitney, author of "Faith Gartney's Childhood," etc. Published by Fields, Osgood & Co., Boston. For sale by S. A. Clarke & Co., Pittsburgh.

Thousands of the readers of "Our Young Folks," have been more than delighted with this home story, which appeared from month to month in that charming magazine. And in its present form we expect thousands more will enjoy the story. It contains much that will interest and elevate, and the practical lessons will be valuable to all who heed them. It is beautifully illustrated and will make a capital gift book.

The Tony Masters. By Charles Bernard. Published by Lee & Sheppard, Boston. For sale by J. W. Pittock, Pittsburgh.

The musical series issued by the New England Conservatory of Music, are a very interesting class of works for young people, and calculated to do good, as well afford instruction. The plan is in the form of a story through which musical instruction and criticism are judiciously interwoven, making, it the medium of culture and pleasureable enjoyment. The cultivation of Art by this means is a happy idea and should be encouraged. This volume treats of the eminent musicians, Haydn and Handel, in an entertaining manner.

Nature's Aristocracy. A Plea for the Oppressed. By Miss Jennie Collins. Published by Lee & Sheppard, Boston.

Despite the strong plea for Woman's Rights, with the trite arguments on this question, the work is entitled to much commendation, for the earnest words in behalf of the oppressed and of the working class generally. The delineation of some of the characters are highly colored, but not more perhaps than might be expected by a special advocate; and the title hardly expresses the full character of the book. It is however a work that indicates that the writer has talent, and time will improve.

Kit, Fan, Tot and the Rest of Them. By Olive A. Wadsworth, and author of "Bill Riggs, Jr.," etc. Published by the American Tract Society, Boston. For sale by R. S. Davis & Co., Pittsburgh.

Our youthful readers can readily guess that this is a capital book from the title. There is after all something in a name. The beautiful garb, spangled with gilt on the back and sides, and elegant illustrations, make it inviting; but its contents increase its value. It depicts in glowing words of wit and humor, interposed with bits of wisdom, about children. It is a capital book for the holidays, and is of a type which can be safely given to children.

Plane and Plank; or the Mishaps of a Mechanic. Field and Forest; or The Fortunes of a Farmer. By Oliver Optic. Published by Lee & Sheppard, Boston. For sale by S. A. Clark & Co.

Mr. Adams, the celebrated and popular writer, familiarly known as "Oliver Optic," seems to have an inexhaustible fund for weaving together the virtues of life, and notwithstanding he has written scores of books, the same freshness and vivacity runs through them all. Some people think the sensational element predominates. Perhaps it does, but a book for young people needs vim, and so long as good sentiments are inculcated, such books ought to be read. The mishaps of the mechanic, his faults are presented, and in fact every phase of his eventful life are brought out fully, and lessons are taught that will do the youthful reader good. The second, "Field and Forest," gives scenes of frontier life, perils and hairbreadth escapes among the Indians in graphic language.

With Fate Against Him. By Amanda M. Douglas. Published by Scribner & Co., New York.

The author has obtained some reputation as a novel writer, having written several works of a literary character. This will be favorable to the author, and we expect her admirers will readily welcome this new candidate for public favor. The book is well printed and bound in muslin.

Fredy Keeping House. Published by Lee & Sheppard, Boston.

Little folks will enjoy this racily told story. The writer has the knack of interesting children, and we expect this volume will enjoy the same popularity as the others of the series.

Harper & Brothers, New York, have sent us No. 332 of Harper's Select Novels, in paper covers, "From Thistles—Grapes," by Mrs. Ellicott. The writer is well known by lovers of light literature, and we expect this volume will not disappoint their expectations.

ELECTION OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS.

Editors Gazette—The editor of the Pennsylvania *School Journal* directs attention to the proposition of a writer in the Pittsburgh *Commercial* who "advocates the election of the Superintendents of Common Schools by the people, alleging that that officer holds a position which is of equal importance to that of the Governor, exercising as he does a power over interests as dear to the people as any they possess. Other papers are said to endorse the "proposition," and the editor of the *School Journal* says: "Let the question be discussed."

The following seems to be some of the greatest objections to the present method of electing Superintendents:

1. It is very inconsistent to assemble all of the School Directors of a county at the county seat and then hold an election as the law now requires. Often they are not officially informed in time, and since they receive no compensation for their service in office or attendance at the election, they have the less inducement to attend.

2. By the present method all teachers who are legal voters, and many others who are as much interested in school affairs, are deprived of a voice in the election.

3. The present method does not always secure rotation of office, nor the choice of the man best qualified for the office.

The election of Superintendents directly by the people would provide remedies for all of these objections, and it would have great advantages over the method now used. If it be asserted that then the election would depend on the power of political parties and would be affected by wire-pulling, it may be answered that when the means of electing to county and State offices the most competent men, independent of party trammels, then this objection may be offered.

The attention of the Legislature at their next session ought to be directed to the subject. Nestor.

THE GALLOWS.

Execution of Mann and Deacon at Kingston—Thrilling Scenes on the Scaffold—The Murderers' Last Hours and Dying Confession—Solving the Mystery.

Kingston, Ont., December 14—The execution of Daniel Mann for the murder of Henry Traill, one of the guards of the convicts in the penitentiary of this town, and of James Deacon, the poisoner of his wife, took place here to-day. On the occasion of their sentence Judge Hagarty solemnly warned both men, in view of the enormity of their crimes, not to expect any human mercy. They were then placed in the condemned cell, and earnestly prepared to meet their doom. Clergymen were unremitting in their attention to them. Deacon professed the deepest contrition, and declared his hope of redemption, but Mann was not apparently so devout. Every attempt made to obtain commutation or reprieve failed. Hopes were entertained that Mann would be reprieved, owing to his not having intended to kill Traill, but only to stun him. Yesterday morning the sheriff received orders to prepare for the execution of both the culprits. He altered the drop originally prepared for one, so as to accommodate two. The final decision was communicated to the convicts, who were surprised to learn that an application for mercy had been made, but were little moved by its rejection. Under the new law the execution was private; only officials and members of the press were admitted, and that by ticket. The doors were boarded up, admitting a ghostly light. The atmosphere was damp, foggy and raw. The two men, finding no hope left, confessed their crimes. The crime of Deacon was a horrible one. He had poisoned his wife at the suggestion of his paramour. At his trial he solemnly averred that he was innocent of her death, but the judge disbelieved him, and declared that the verdict of the jury was a righteous one. That it was so, Deacon's own confession proved subsequently. In it he said:

"No, I will not screen myself, but tell the truth to my fellows as I must to God on the great white throne. I lay all my crimes at that woman's door. Caroline Vancoughnet was my wife's sister-in-law. Last February twelve months my wife was awaiting her confinement at her father's house, and she wanted Carrie as nurse. I was sick, with sore eyes at the time, and she would nurse me too. She was in love with me, as I soon found out, for she would kiss me and say she loved only me, and wished my wife was dead. I did not care for her then. After two months she left us, and I did not see her until the spring, when my wife, who wanted help, got me to hire her. If she had only known that she let murder and sin in at the door! All April she and I worked together in the sugar bush. Then she commenced again, and I began to be drawn from my wife, and very soon she was to me the same as my wife. She kept darkly hinting to me that I had oly to poison my wife, and in three weeks she would marry me. Every day she urged me to do this, and threatened that if I was too much of a coward she would do the job. We were lost to all shame now, and did not care who saw us sin. I could not leave the house but she followed me like a dog. My wife said Caroline could do nothing while I was away but mope at the window and wonder when I would come home. She soon left us, because we had no further work for a girl, but that made no difference. No matter where I went, she was always with me. She proposed that I should go to work at the next farm, so that we might be near each other. She had bewitched me, and my wife had no more place in my heart. It was not my wife's fault; poor Mary Jane was too good and too kind for me. Caroline came over one night and asked me if I was ever going to poison that wife of mine. I think she made me mad. I went to Mr. Shaw's and bought a drachm of strychine. I said it was to poison foxes with. Then I commenced giving it to my wife. I gave it to her in water and in tea, but I was so afraid that I could only put it in on the sly and go away, and when I came back she was alive. At last I gave her a strong dose in some salts she was taking. This was just before her confinement. I gave her the salts. She took the dose from me, and then she was dead, and, my God, she died in such horrible agonies! When she was dead I would have given the world to bring her back. My wicked love vanished; my old love came back. I knew I was a murderer. My God! my God! why did you let me do it? I could not call her back. Why did that woman mention poison to me? But for her I should not be here. But for her I should not be *there* very soon, with my old friends hungry to see me die. The jury were right. I bear them no malice. I die in peace with all men. May the God of infinite mercy forgive me my great sin."

In a conversation, Mann admitted striking the fatal blow, but maintained that he had no intention of killing poor Traill. He did not know that Traill was dead until he overheard some one talking of it a week afterwards. He very penitently hoped his example would deter others. He forgave every one. On their last night on earth both culprits were attended to a late hour by their spiritual advisers, and members of the Methodist, Presbyterian, and Plymouth brethren. Deacon retired to bed early, but lay awake a long time; finally he fell into a disturbed sleep. Mann sat up later, and when he went to bed he slept soundly. About 4 o'clock both men were awakened and were ordered to prepare for death. Mann had an interview with his mother, who is also a convict in the penitentiary. He then took a cup of tea; Deacon took nothing. Deacon was excited and almost anxious for death; Mann was a little nervous. At 7 o'clock the spectators, clergy, and officials began to arrive. Mann was in Deacon's room. He greeted him affectionately, remarking: "We have a long journey to make together." Here the clergyman joined them. Devotional exercises were engaged in by all. Mann gave a Testament scored with pencil marks to his mother. Both sang the hymns "Arise my soul, arise," and "Did my Saviour bleed?" They then prayed with the ministers. The two executioners, dressed in long blue blouses and crape masks, entered the cell and pinioned them, and bound their legs. They also adjusted the fatal ropes. Mann, was dressed in a penitentiary suit of colored clothing. He was bareheaded, and had on a pair of old slippers. Deacon wore gray pants and vest, a checked flannel shirt, a black cap, but no coat. Mann asked the executioner to put the rope tighter round his chin. The procession then formed, and as the time was late the service in the debtor's room was omitted. At eight o'clock the black flag was hoisted over the jail, and the bell was tolled, during which the march to the scaffold was commenced. The prisoners were supported by the clergy praying and exhorting, to which the prisoners replied fervently, "Christ have mercy on us," "Lord Jesus receive us." On the scaffold there were only the prisoners and officials; the reporters and spectators were below. The convicts maintained a steady demeanor. They took an effectionate farewell of their keepers and the clergy. No speeches were made. The clergymen read the fifteenth chaptdr of Corinthians while all remained on their knees. The sheriff gave the signal, and at three minutes after eight the drop fell with a great noise. The rope caught under Mann's chin, forcing his head back. Being taller, he swung at Deacon's armpits. Mann breathed heavily four times; his nostrils were dilated; his body hardly moved after one undulating shiver. Deacon's arms and legs were drawn up and down like a harlequin's for a moment, then there was a low moan, the neck of neither was broken. The drop was five feet. Mann's pulse beat ten, and Deacon's fifteen minutes. After hanging forty minutes, the rope was cut, the bodies were placed in coffins, the ropes removed and the necks examined.

A STRANGE VISION.

A Clairvoyant Predicts the Loss of a Steamer, is Punished for the Prediction, but it Proves True.

The Manatlan correspondent of the San Francisco *Chronicle* says:

A sensation of some importance to the Spiritualists here has excited the public mind ever since the loss of the ill-fated steamer Continental. The sensation was produced in this manner: A clairvoyant physician, an American, who lately arrived in this city, and practices his profession here, had a vision on the night the steamer was wrecked. In the vision he saw an old women who appeared at his bedside and was evidently greatly afflicted. At first he was startled by the apparition or spirit, but soon calmed down, and asked the ghost what caused her sorrow. She then wrote on the wall that the steamship Continental had just foundered at sea, and that a number of passengers had perished. The spirit of the old lady, although not giving the latitude or longitude where the disaster occurred, was particular in stating that the wreck took place on Cape St. Lucas. Having relieved herself of this piece of information, the apparition disappeared, and the clairvoyant was left to cogitate on the marvellous. Next morning the doctor arose, and he was so strongly impressed with the strange and mysterious event of the night, that he told many of his friends in private what he had seen and heard. His friends could not keep the secret, and so reports of the wreck spread rapidly throughout the city. As might be expected, great anxiety was felt for the safety of the passengers, and every person who had relatives or friends on board was wondering whether the clairvoyant was right or wrong. Such a strong hold did the reports take upon the public mind that the authorities had the doctor arrested and fined him $35 dollars as a disturber of the public peace and one possessed of the devil. The spiritualists of this city—and it must be known that spiritualism is making rapid progress among the Mexican people—were somewhat indignant at the arrest, but the authorities heeded no protests and exacted the fine. Precisely eight days after these events, news arrived from Cape St. Lucas via La Paz of the wreck of the Continental, and the news confirmed in every particular the story of the clairvoyant. Now, the spiritualists are in high glee, and demand that the doctor be paid back his fine, and that honors be conferred upon him, rather than that he should be ignominiously dealt with. The case is a very strange one, and continues to be a subject of absorbing interest to those who love the mysterious and the marvellous.

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4th. As an economiser of fuel—there being an actual saving of 25 per cent.

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6th. It is set up so deep in the chimney, that it is much safer, and also less liable to pull in windy weather.

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A splendid new stock of

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HANDKERCHIEFS,

IN BEAUTIFUL BOXES.

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Gold and Jet Bracelets,

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Lace, Linen Embroidered

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AT VERY LOW PRICES, AT

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Than any heretofore given, in

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At One-half their Cost of Importation.

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Real Pointe and Pointe Applique Lace,

Handkerchiefs,

Collars,

Sets,

Barbes,

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REAL AND IMITATION LACE GOODS,

OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

HANDKERCHIEFS,

Of all kinds, for Ladies, Gents and Children.

Broche Scarfs,

Roman Silk Scarfs,

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Embroidered Linen Sets,

Lace Trimmed Linen Sets,

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Ladies' Plain and 2 Button Kids,

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Silk Umbrellas,

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Neck Scarfs,

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77 and 79

MARKET STREET.

THIRTY-FIRST

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

Dollar Savings Bank.

LIABILITIES.

Am't due Depositors Dec. 1st, 1869	$9,987,584 33
Interest due Depositors, Dec. 1, 1870	77,216 81
Contingent Fund	127,125 04
Total Liabilities	$9,191,925 18

ASSETS.

Loans on Bond and Mortgage	$8,127,413 93
Real Estate	178,000 00
Bills Receivable	18,000 00
U. S. 6's, 1881	1,000 00
U. S. 5-20's, 1867	1,000 00
U. S. 10-40's, 1904	1,000 00
Cash on hand and in Bank	865,511 25
Total assets	$9,191,925 18

The undersigned, Auditors, Committee, respectfully report that they have examined the Treasurer's books for 1870, and have compared the Assets and Liabilities with the Ledger, Certificates of Bank Stock, Bills Receivable, U. S. Five-Twenty 6s, 1867, and 6's, 1881, and Cash in Bank and on hand, and find the same to correspond with the above report.

J. T. GILLESPIE,
WM. R. SCHMERTZ,
Auditing Committee.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 5th, 1870.

The Trustees have declared a dividend of three (3) per cent. for the last six months, ending November 30th, 1870, payable forthwith. If not drawn, will bear interest from 1st inst.

No. of Depositors, 9,918; amount, $9,063,652.

ISAAC G. GORDON, Cashier.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 10th, 1870.

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City of Allegheny, Pa.,
Treasurer's Office, December 19, 1870.

Allegheny City Compromise Bonds

WANTED.

Persons holding Compromise Bonds of the City of Allegheny, Pa., are hereby notified that the Sinking Fund for 1870 will be invested in these Bonds at the rate of 75 cents on the dollar.

Proposals will be received by the undersigned until MONDAY, the second day of January, 1871.

D. MACPHERSON,

dec22:15 Treasurer of the City of Allegheny, Pa.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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AT

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SUBSTANTIAL

Holiday Presents,

SUCH AS

BLANKETS,

Marseilles Quilts,

TABLE COVERS,

Shawls, Skirts,

LADIES' AND CHILDRENS'

SACQUES,

Fur Capes and Muffs,

INFANTS'

Embroidered Robes,

LADIES' AND CHILDRENS'

CLOTH SUITS,

VERY CHEAP, AT

WM. SEMPLE'S,

100 and 102 Federal Street, Allegheny.

NOTICE.

To the Stockholders

OF THE

CHERRY RUN

AND

Pittsburgh Petroleum Co.

OF PITTSBURGH, PA.

Pursuant to the provisions of an Act of Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania, approved May 34, 1870, entitled "An Act to enlarge the corporate powers of the Cherry Run and Pittsburgh Petroleum Company, of Pittsburgh, Pa." (office, 59 Fourth avenue), the Directors, at a meeting held of their Board at the office of the Company, on the 26th of July, 1870, did levy an assessment of 6 per cent. per share, to be paid within thirty days from August 1st, 1870, upon the capital stock of said Company for the purpose of liquidating the debts due by said Company. Now to-wit:

Notice is hereby given to all persons whose names are annexed here below, that the shares accredited to them on the books of said Company will be forfeited unless the assessment upon them is paid, and the same will be sold at public auction on the 2d day of January, 1871, by A. McIlwaine, Auctioneer, 166 Smithfield street.

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Buy and sell all kinds of

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BUY AND SELL ALL KINDS OF

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THE DAILY GAZETTE.

MONEY AND COMMERCE.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, SATURDAY, Dec. 17, 1870.

Business during the week has been a comparatively dull during the week which has just drawn to a close, and nothing like a general or permanent improvement is looked for until about the middle of next month our merchants and manufacturers are always engaged at this particular time of the year in taking stock and making their annual estimates and in a commercial trade always lags at this time of the year. The number of general merchandise have fallen off considerably within the past few days, though supplies are ample for present requirements and this is all that is desired, as there is a general disposition manifested to have as little stock on hand at the close of the year as possible, and especially is this the case with the jobbing trade. However, there is a fair amount of business transacted for all of the leading articles, including flour, grain, groceries, coal, provisions, oils, etc., and a fair business in the aggregate, while in regard to values, there are no important changes.

APPLES—The market under the influence of the large receipts is dull and weak, and prices are lower for all but choice fruit. Fancy Greenings are held at $4 per bbl, and choice Baldwins at $3 75, but the bulk of the receipts are selling at $3 25@3 50 per bbl, and some lots of common fruit have been sold at $3 per bbl.

ASHES—Is in good supply and demand at 6c for Pots and 6½c for Pearls.

BACON—Is in fair demand and prices are unchanged. We quote Sugar Cured Hams, 14@15c; Sugar Cured Shoulders, 10@11c; Sugar Cured Breakfast Bacon, 13@14c; Sugar Cured Dried Beef, 14@15c; Canvassed Hams, 15@16c; Canvassed Shoulders, 11@12c; Canvassed Breakfast Bacon, 14@15c; Plain Shoulders, 9@10c; Plain Breakfast Bacon, 12@13c; Bacon Sides, 11@12c; Bacon Clear Sides, 12@13c; Bacon Clear Bellies, 12@13c.

BAGGING—Is in fair demand and prices are unchanged. We quote Kentucky Jute, 22@23c; Kentucky Jute Butts, 13@14c; Kentucky Jute Cuttings, 11@12c; Kentucky Gunny, 24@25c; Kentucky Gunny Butts, 14@15c; Kentucky Gunny Cuttings, 12@13c; Kentucky Gunny Wool Sack, 30@32c; Kentucky Gunny Grain Sack, 30@32c; Kentucky Gunny Flour Sack, 30@32c; Kentucky Gunny Seamless Sack, 30@32c; Kentucky Gunny Cotton Sack, 30@32c; Kentucky Gunny Flax Sack, 30@32c; Kentucky Gunny Hemp Sack, 30@32c; Kentucky Gunny Jute Sack, 30@32c; Kentucky Gunny Linen Sack, 30@32c; Kentucky Gunny Cotton Linen Sack, 30@32c; Kentucky Gunny Cotton Hemp Sack, 30@32c; Kentucky Gunny Cotton Jute Sack, 30@32c; Kentucky Gunny Linen Hemp Sack, 30@32c; Kentucky Gunny Linen Jute Sack, 30@32c; Kentucky Gunny Hemp Jute Sack, 30@32c; Kentucky Gunny Cotton Linen Hemp Sack, 30@32c; Kentucky Gunny Cotton Linen Jute Sack, 30@32c; Kentucky Gunny Cotton Hemp Jute Sack, 30@32c; Kentucky Gunny Linen Hemp Jute Sack, 30@32c; Kentucky Gunny Cotton

THE DAILY GAZETTE.

Remember—The GAZETTE is delivered at your door for fifteen cents per week, payable to the carrier.

The early Christmas mass at the Cathedral next Sunday, will be at five o'clock.

The religious services at the jail and penitentiary yesterday were very interesting.

Mayor Colton had eighteen representatives of the press much whisky before him yesterday morning.

Police-courting was attended with considerable difficulty yesterday, on the slippery pavements.

First Sleighs of the season were out on Saturday night. The pleasure was of a melancholy character.

Gradually but surely Pittsburgh is departing from the good old custom of the strict Sabbath observance.

Strample, the "bogus check" young man, has been set at liberty for a time, bail having been entered for his appearance at Court.

Harper's Monthly for January, a number surpassingly rich in matter and embellishment, including an illuminated Christmas card, printed in black letters, is for sale at W. A. Gildenhorne's, 65 Fifth avenue.

The Alarm of fire from box 46, Allegheny, last night about half past eight o'clock, was occasioned by the explosion of a lamp in a house near the corner of Sandusky street and North alley. Nobody hurt and no damage.

List of unsold letters remaining in the Pittsburgh Postoffice, December 19:
Ames, Miss Jennie, Pottstown, Pa., 3 cents.
Cooper, Lemuel, Jr., Paris, Pa., 3.
McDowell, James R., Dunbar, Pa., 3.
Springer, Chas., McKeesport, Pa., 3.

Harrisburg.—Harrisburg is infested with thieves and burglars. A two thousand dollar night haul in dry goods was made last week from one of the principal stores. A reward of $200 is offered for the capture of the thieves. It is quite likely they came this way.

We bespeak the attention of persons wanting anything in the literary line to the advertisement of D. Appleton & Co., New York, on our first page. The firm is one of the largest publishing houses in the United States, and their publications are to be relied upon. Send them and their publications to our readers.

Church Fair and Festival.—At Liberty Hall, East Liberty, Bounds of Emory Methodist Church, commencing this evening and continuing until late in the day every week, including the next Thursday. Request supper from 6 to 8:30 P. M. Good music will be at hand at proper intervals. Ladies will be in attendance at all times, and will be glad to see their friends. This is a good opportunity to get nice Christmas Gifts at low rates. Music every evening.

Accident.—Willie Murray, ten years of age, son of Felix Murray, 79 Webster avenue, fell from a cart Saturday afternoon, breaking the right arm and dislocating his wrist. Dr. Hornbrook attended.

George Kirk, residing in Allegheny, while crossing the Suspension Bridge, Saturday night, slipped and fell, striking the back part of his head on the floor of the bridge, cutting a gash about an inch long. He was taken home.

St. Peters.—Yesterday was the eighteenth anniversary of St. Peters Episcopal Church. Eighteen years ago it commenced its mission with seven communicants. It now numbers about one hundred and eighty, notwithstanding the numerous removals to the new parishes of late years. During this time it has had three pastors, Rev. Dr. Vandoozen, Rev. Simon Greenleaf Fuller, and the present Rector, Rev. John H. Hoff.

Beautiful.—The beautiful snow, falling so gently, mostly at night, and covering our sooty city with its feathery mantle, Saturday evening, was only equaled in its beauty by the elegant array of holiday goods which greeted the eye of the visitor at Mrs. Bryant's old established store, No. 54 Fifth avenue, this city. Allegheny is making up your gifts for merry Christmas, don't fail to call there and select from the whole, a gold pen, gold or plastic ornament, or album, a pocket-knife, or one from among the many articles exhibited, which cannot fail to please anyone, as it will be an exceedingly appropriate present.

An Official Fall.

We regret to learn that Coroner West met with a serious accident yesterday morning, which has incapacitated him for the time being for official duty. He left his residence at an early hour on official business, and while coming down the street slipped and fell, severely injuring his right arm and fracturing his arm. Below the wrist. A bone in the upper part of the arm was broken, which we are pleased to state was not the case.

Casting Adrift.

An affray of a rather serious nature occurred in a Livery stable on Third avenue Saturday night between John Mason and William Corsers, two of the drivers employed at the stable. They got into a fight during which Mason drew a knife and cut Corsers in the face, from the effects of which he was laid up in the hospital for a number of days. He is charged with the commission of the deed and was arrested by Officer Hamilton and taken to the lock-up, and the wounded man was removed to his boarding house. Yesterday afternoon Mason was arraigned before the Mayor charging Mason with felonious assault and battery, and after a hearing he was committed to jail for trial.

Another Called Away.

Miss Juliet Davis, a sweet girl of fifteen, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Davis, passed away on Saturday, from that terrible and malignant disease, the scarlet fever. Death has made fearful warfare on this household within the past few weeks. Mrs. Davis, the mother, died a week ago last Sunday, then a little sister and now Juliet. Five deaths in one little family circle within the space of a few weeks. The daughter who fell victim to the fever was a bright and heroic girl. She was more than womanly in waiting in the bed of sickness of her mother, and in the last and sisters, who went before her, and at last succumbed herself to the dread summons to the grave.

To be Gentrified.

A large stock of geese', ladies' and misses' underwear of choice quality, hosiery and gloves, linen and lace handkerchiefs, Alexander's kid gloves, ribbons, &c., &c., at unusually low prices, at Boggs & Buhl's, Allegheny, embracing a great variety of goods suitable for holiday presents to be sold within two weeks to close out the stock, late of R. W. McConnell, 63 Fifth avenue, which was purchased at 33 cents on the dollar by Mr. Buhl, who determined to sell the same out by the first of January at whatever sacrifice may be necessary to effect that object. Ladies should not delay to call and get good goods at greatly reduced rates. The sales will be pressed from day to day until New Year's, and it will be well to bear in mind that the goods must be sold, that bargains seldom offered can now be made and the chances will last only two weeks.

Free Concert

The managers of the Young Men's Christian Association are about to inaugurate a system of Parlor entertainments, upon the plan which was found to work so well last year. The entertainments then consisting of lectures, concerts and readings, were very popular and among the most enjoyable of all the many entertainments given during the year. The first of the present season will be given next Tuesday evening and will be a free concert, by the Mozart Band, Prof. Gaul, Conductor and Richard Fennell will form the nucleus of the singers, while Mr. C. C. Hutchinson will act as pianist. The programme will consist of the best pieces of the band, including "Home Sweet Home" and other popular airs. A cordial invitation is extended to all who may feel disposed to attend. The hall will be opened on the corner of Smithfield street and Penn avenue.

Suicide—Temporary Insanity.

Yesterday afternoon a sad funeral service was held in Allegheny—that of a young man, David Hastings, who committed suicide in New Albany, Indiana, on Wednesday last, by shooting himself through the heart. It seems that at the time he was laboring under a fit of temporary insanity. The change in his countenance was observed about three weeks ago by his wife, but no special notice was taken by her. On the day of the rash act he was in his usual cheerful mood, and had decided to take him to a physician Wednesday morning. During the afternoon he went into the kitchen of his residence, and in a few moments the report of a pistol was heard by the inmates of the house were startled by the report of a pistol. Upon rushing into the room they discovered the young man stretched upon the floor with a pistol in his hand, with which he had shot himself through the heart. He was brought home and the remains interred yesterday, the parents' residence in Penn street, Allegheny, being the place where the deceased spent many years of age and well known throughout the community.

A Frightful Runaway.

Last evening between five and six o'clock a horse attached to a light jager wagon became frightened on Grant street, near Second avenue and unmanageable. He dashed down the street at a fearful rate and when he reached Dr. Charles Rauch's drug store, took to the sidewalk. The wagon caught on the iron awning post and was smashed into pieces. The occupants, Mrs. Ott, of Birmingham, and her son Henry, a boy of about eighteen years of age, were thrown from the vehicle and sustained serious, although by no means fatal injuries. The old lady was thrown a distance of some ten feet and struck against a telegraph post. She was knocked insensible and carried into the drug store, where she received kind and proper medical treatment at the hands of Dr. Rauch. The horse, with the shafts attached to him, continued on his way up Second avenue, on the sidewalk, and just before reaching another of a moving train on the Pan Handle crossing, became entangled and kept on his way to Birmingham, where he was stopped at the other end of the upper bridge.

Killed on the Railroad.

On Friday evening last Mr. Allen Ramsey, of the Eighth ward, while driving across the track of the Pennsylvania Railroad, at Wilkinsburgh, was so severely injured that he died shortly afterwards. The horse was killed instantly and the buggy was a complete wreck. Mr. Ramsey was an honored member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Wilkinsburgh, and when the funeral took place on the next Sunday afternoon the church was filled to overflowing with sympathizing friends. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Hamilton, preached the funeral sermon, and at the close of the services the remains were taken to the cemetery for interment. Deceased was about forty years of age and left a wife and family to mourn his untimely death.

Accident.

Information was made against Gen. Ramsey, a young lad, charged with having shot at Gordon Cheeseman, a playmate. Yesterday the case was heard before Alderman Nuchols, and the inquest yesterday morning. The jury after hearing the testimony returned the following verdict:

"We find that Captain James Charlton came to his death by the falling of a chimney at a fire in South Pittsburgh, Saturday night, December 17th, while in the discharge of his duty."

A meeting of the Walton Hose Company was held yesterday morning to make arrangements for attending the funeral of their late captain. Invitations have been extended to the different fire companies of the two cities, and Fire Marshal Butler has been appointed to take charge of the ceremonies. The funeral will take place at two o'clock P. M. to-day.

THE COURT OF INQUIRY.

Conclusion or the Inquiry—The Farce Ended.

The Fire Commissioners sitting as a Court of Inquiry to investigate the charges against the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department reassembled at three o'clock Saturday afternoon to conclude the farce.

The Court was called to order by the President of the Board, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Detil officiating as secretary.

The testimony having been concluded at the meeting on Friday, a report of which we have previously published, the counsel in the case were directed to proceed with their arguments, they having each been limited to fifteen minutes.

Col. Hayes addressed the Commission in his usual forcible manner, basing his remarks on the testimony, which, he held, failed to support the charges, and asked that the Commissioners vindicate the conduct of the Chief Engineer.

Mr. Cohen then took the floor, and made a very forcible and argumentative address. He contended that the testimony, so fully given, did show that every charge made against Mr. McElroy had been fully sustained. He held that if a single charge was sustained by the evidence, it was the duty of the court to find a verdict against the Chief and pass sentence upon him.

The court did not think so, as the following finding will show:

The Fire Commissioners of the City of Pittsburgh, having carefully investigated and considered the charges preferred by Messrs. Thompson, Dilworth, Rhodes, Shearer, against John H. McElroy, the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, do unanimously declare that the Chief does not appear to them to have, by his conduct upon the occasion referred to in said charges, deserved either dismissal or censure; but that, on the contrary, his efforts, at the risk of life—and wisely judgment, he did energetically and promptly perform all his duties to the best of his ability.

HENRY HAYS, Chairman,
ROBERT FINNEY,
ROBERT C. BRADEN,
JOHN H. MCELROY,
WM. MCKELVEY,
R. H. MCCARTNEY,
WM. B. NEEPER,
JOHN H. SHEARER,
JOHN J. TOOLEY.

A REVENUE CASE.

A Brigadier General in Jail—Alleged Tobacco Frauds.

On Saturday last a detective from Philadelphia arrived in this city, having in charge General John Ramsey of Jersey City, New Jersey, who is charged with a violation of the revenue law. It appears that General Ramsey was engaged extensively in the manufacture of tobacco in Jersey City, and some time last summer he sold a large quantity of tobacco and cigars to a firm in Scranton, Pa. There was some interaction of the revenue law contained in the transaction, which, how far we can ascertain, does not appear to have been made with an intention to defraud the Government. Gen. Ramsey failed to comply with some of the technicalities of the law.

Information was made against Gen. Ramsey, and a warrant issued against him at the October term of the United States Court at Williamsport. The accused, having been arrested, gave bail for appearance at the term of Court in October for trial, but, failing to put in an appearance at that time, his bail was forfeited. A requisite was granted, however, and the General was arrested in Jersey City, and was brought to this city, and being unable to procure the necessary bail, he was committed to jail for trial.

Mr. Ramsey is a man of high standing in business circles, and moved through the jail corridors with a free and easy air, and when the door of his cell was opened by the report of a pistol. Upon calling him by name he was discovered to be lying on his cot with a pistol in his hand, with which he had shot himself through the heart. He was at once brought through the corridors and the remains interred yesterday, the parents' residence in Penn street, Allegheny, being the place where the deceased spent many years of age and well known throughout the community.

Another Suite of Valuable Real Estate, &c.—See advertisement in near her column of Otto Bierbower, U. S. A., Property at Glenfield Station, P. F. W. & C. R. R., in Kilbuck, (late Ohio) township. 20-4-th.

TERRIBLE DISASTER.

Fire in South Pittsburgh—Fatal Accident—Capt. Charleton, of the Walton Hose Company, Killed by a Falling Wall—Another Fireman Severely Injured—Coroner's Inquest.

A fire occurred in South Pittsburgh, between eight and nine o'clock, Saturday night, and although fires are at all times lamentable occurrences, they are doubly so when attended with accidents resulting in the loss of life, especially when the unfortunate victim is one who has risked his life and lost it in the effort to save the lives and property of others.

The fire originated in a frame dwelling on the hillside, fronting on the Brownsville road, owned and occupied by Daniel Lloyd. The flames were first discovered issuing from the size of the house near the chimney, and in a few moments the entire structure was on fire. Adjoining Mr. Lloyd's House was that of Mr. Samuel Ottaway, also a frame building, which, in consequence of its close proximity to the fire, soon fell a prey to the

DEVOURING ELEMENT

which raged so fierce that it was impossible even to save the furniture or any portion of the household goods in either of the buildings, and a trunk in Mr. Ottaway's house containing $300, was destroyed with the rest. Mr. Ottaway and family were absent from home when the fire broke out and did not arrive at the scene of the conflagration until the flames had made such progress as to render it impossible to enter the building.

The fire originated in a room of Mr. Lloyd's house occupied by a Mr. Christy, and it is supposed it was caused by coals of fire falling from the grate.

THE LOSS.

Mr. Ottaway's loss on the house and furniture independent of the $300 in cash as above referred to will not fall short of $3,500 upon which he had an insurance of $1,000 only. Mr. Lloyd's loss will be fully equal to, if not exceed $2,000 upon which there is no insurance.

THE ACCIDENT.

The alarm of fire was promptly responded to by the firemen of the South Side, the Mechanics Hose company of Birmingham and the Walton Hose, of East Birmingham, and the firemen worked hard and faithfully to subdue the flames and keep them from spreading to adjoining buildings, and finally succeeded in their efforts. The last flickering light had been extinguished by a stream from the Walton Hose, and the firemen, tired, wet and chilled, were about preparing to return home when a

TERRIBLE CRASH

was heard, and a moment after the moaning of a man in distress. It required but a glance on the part of the crowd to discover that a tall chimney which had been left standing unsupported, had fallen. The firemen, ever ready to respond to a call for help and knowing that many were behind the ruins, and that some one was seriously injured hastened to extend what assistance was in their power to relieve the sufferer. But there are always others who, were they to sleep in their pew or in the organ-loft the night before, would not be disturbed before the middle of the sermon. Such regard Divine service in the light of a dinner at a city hotel, where every last guest is in season until the removal of the cloth for the evening service. As many attend church chiefly to hear the choir and a good sermon, if the music and the preaching could be transferred to the opening of the evening service those would perhaps be led to join in prayer against the sin of tardy church going. Let those of "wonderful piety" who think it "stepped short in the midst of his sermon and addressed a fresh comer: "Glad to see you, neighbor, glad you've got here at last. Thought you couldn't come early." "Thank you, would you favor me with the text?" Certainly, "Let every man mind his own business." Such a sermon would not be so accommodating.

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EIGHTH U. P. CHURCH.

Opening Services in the New Building—Sermons by the Revs. John M. Sands, T. H. Hanna and W. J. Reid.

The new and handsome church edifice in progress of erection for some months past, for the accommodation of the Eighth United Presbyterian congregation, has so far been completed as to allow the holding of services in the lecture room, and yesterday it was first opened for public worship. The opening services were more than usually interesting to the denomination named, on account of the peculiar vicissitudes through which this mission congregation has passed since its organization, something over two years ago. More than ordinary credit, it was felt, was due the young pastor, Rev. John S. Sands and his few co-workers, for their unflagging devotion and untiring perseverance in His cause, and the congratulations and good wishes extended to them, were nothing more than their due. The Mission congregation from its organization until a few weeks ago, worshipped in the hall of the Relief Engine House, but being turned from there has had no place for meeting lately and hence the haste to get possession of the new building, which is located on the corner of Van Braam and Locust streets, Sixth ward. There were three services yesterday, morning, afternoon and evening, at each of which the attendance was very large. The pastor, Rev. John S. Sands, preached at the first service, Rev. T. H. Hanna, of the Second U. P. Church at the second, and Rev. W. J. Reid of the First U. P. church at the third. We regret that want of space prevents us giving in full the able and excellent discourses or even a synopsis of all.

Mr. Sands took for his text:

Deuteronomy 12:9. "For ye are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance which the Lord giveth you."

The children of Israel were gathered around their earthly leader. It was an eventful period in their history, and he was talking to them about the experiences of the past, the joys and sorrows, the hopes and the hopes and duties of the future. No less than forty years had passed away since they quit their bondage to the land of Egypt on the long journey to Canaan, their divinely chosen God-given land. Along the way they had encountered many a peril. They had been harassed by foes and had left behind them many a blood-stained battle field. They had crossed a deep sea that rolled its waters aside to let them pass. They had wandered over an ariel sandy desert. They had murmured and sinned and wept. They had suffered from the plague and the earthquake, the fiery serpent and the enemies sword, and from many another terrible visitations of the great God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. At last they had come to the plains of Moab and encamped on the bank of the river Jordan, on the other side of which lay Canaan—was the promised inheritance. Happy day it was for them. It was right that they should rejoice. There was cause for gladness and thankfulness, for just before them was their long looked for, long toiled for home. Yes, they had come many a weary mile and now they stood beside the borders of the promised land and were talking of what God had done for them and to them all through their wilderness wanderings, but still left to encounter foes and battles were not ended. They had not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance which the Lord there had given them. They had not as yet fulfilled the purposes of God. They had not as yet accomplished that which they had in view when they started from Egypt, and which was to be attained on. He reminded them that accustomed duties were not to be laid aside—that marching was yet to be done—that the promised land yet to be fought 'ere they came into full possession of Canaan.'

The pastor then referred to this being an unusual day in the history of this congregation, and asked charity for himself as he spoke tremblingly, for the first time in this house of God. He would speak to them about "the experiences of the past, the joys of the present, and the hopes and duties of the future." The two years and a half of life the congregation had had, appeared, he said, like a dream. A few would remember one evening in January, 1868, when was held the first meeting for prayer at which there were eight persons present. In June of the same year the organization of the congregation was completed, and there were thirty-five members enrolled. It was a feeble effort, weak in members, weak in influence, weak financially and weak in experience, but it was the best they could do and so took our place as the "Eighth Ward Mission Church." God gave us friends who helped in counsel, by sympathy, by prayer and by their means. A year of trial, trouble and suffering, of ups and downs, of toiling, praying and fighting followed. Then suddenly one day the angel of death came, and in the twinkling of an eye, took away one who was with us from the start and whose deeds was first among the active workers.—The speaker here had reference to Mrs. Tuttle. She will be remembered as the speaker showed from scripture. He was not in supreme authority and could not therefore both command and forbid, but failing to put in an appearance at that time, his bail was forfeited. A requisite was granted, however, and the General was arrested in Jersey City, and being unable to procure the necessary bail, he was committed to jail for trial.

Mr. Ramsey is a man of high standing in business circles, and moved through the jail corridors with a free and easy air, and when the door of his cell was opened by the report of a pistol. Upon calling him by name he was discovered to be lying on his cot with a pistol in his hand, with which he had shot himself through the heart. He was at once brought through the corridors and the remains interred yesterday, the parents' residence in Penn street, Allegheny, being the place where the deceased spent many years of age and well known throughout the community.

Last Church Goers.

The next great evil to a long-sermon minister in Sunday worship is a proverbially-late church-goer. They are overbearing, the other undershoots his mark. In most all churches—and in city more than in country—the rustling of pantaloons and the squeaking of boots continue from the invocation to the close of the sermon, and some manage to get there just in time to go home. Some of these late comers are always late, everywhere, at home and abroad, in church, in prayer-meeting, in social and in business and home affairs, and women of constitutional exactness in domestic arrangements, and all others, find time, after their business, household cares, or long distance from the place of worship prevent some from early attendance. But there are always others who, were they to sleep in their pew or in the organ-loft the night before, would not be disturbed before the middle of the sermon. Such regard Divine service in the light of a dinner at a city hotel, where every last guest is in season until the removal of the cloth for the evening service. As many attend church chiefly to hear the choir and a good sermon, if the music and the preaching could be transferred to the opening of the evening service those would perhaps be led to join in prayer against the sin of tardy church going. Let those of "wonderful piety" who think it "stepped short in the midst of his sermon and addressed a fresh comer: "Glad to see you, neighbor, glad you've got here at last. Thought you couldn't come early." "Thank you, would you favor me with the text?" Certainly, "Let every man mind his own business." Such a sermon would not be so accommodating.

THE COURTS.

District Court—Judge Kirkpatrick.

SATURDAY, Dec. 17.—Court met at 9 o'clock A. M. Judge Kirkpatrick on the bench.

The preliminary injunction in the case of Alexander McClintock vs. the Allegheny Valley Railroad was dissolved by consent of the plaintiff, Mr. McClintock, it will be remembered, gave the company right of way to over forty feet of a lot owned by him, and now they desire twenty feet additional.

John W. Donaldson on motion of M. W. Acheson, John W. Powers, on motion of J. S. Magle, and Hon. Bucher Swope, on motion of A. Blakely, were admitted to practice at this bar.

On Monday Judge Hampton will sit in room No. 1 on jury trials.

Judge Kirkpatrick will take up the argument list.

TRIAL LIST FOR MONDAY.

221 Stevenson et al. vs. Garber.
122 Brown vs. Pennock & Beason.
128 McCombs vs. Bayne et al.
147 McCloy et al. vs. Meyer.
149 McCloy et al. vs. Gold.
166 Gilmore vs. McDonald.
183 Steinmyer vs. Neil et al.
184 Fox vs. Sweckbert's adm'rs.
192 Reed vs. Church et al.
205 Small for use vs. McClain.
215 Carson & Co. vs. Graig.
216 Huckenstein vs. Gillelands.

Common Pleas—Judge Stowe.

SATURDAY, December 17.—Court met at nine o'clock A. M., Judge Stowe on the bench.

The following petition for divorce was filed: Sally A. Whener vs. Christina Whener; grounds, desertion.

No other business of interest was transacted.

TRIAL LIST FOR MONDAY.

93 Kauf vs. Sutton.
97 Davis & Bro. vs. Stein.
98 Same vs. same.
100 Black vs. Shaffer.
102 Pulpress vs. Berger & Co.
1 Davis, Chambers & Co. vs. Hardy, White & Co.
14 Snodgrass vs. Snodgrass.
20 Rock vs. Abel et al.
26 Dehly vs. Fairbrook et ux.
27 Bright vs. Ferguson.

Quarter Sessions—Judge Sterrett.

SATURDAY, December 17.—Court met at 9 o'clock A. M. Judge Sterrett on the Bench.

In the case of the Commonwealth vs. Isaac Gilder—better known as "Cheap Isaac"—charged with receiving stolen goods, the jury returned a verdict of guilty in manner and form as indicted. His counsel, Wm. Coyle, made a motion for a new trial, pending which the court has deferred sentence.

Patrick O'Donnell was tried by the Court for a breach of the peace, upwards Francis Quinn. Defendant was obliged to pay the costs of prosecution and enter into security in the sum of $300 to keep the peace. He threatened to bust the prosecutor's head with a shovel. John O'Donnel was brought up for surety of the peace. He stated that Mr. Quinn "Cests to be paid by John, and he also was obliged to give bail for better behavior in the future.

John H. Hampton, Esq., applied for a rule of Court on the clerks of the Select and Common Councils, compelling them to certify to the Court the proceeding of Councils in re-opening of Fifth avenue extension. Rule granted.

Jonathan Lowe, charged with desertion, was called up, but, his wife refusing to prosecute, was not sentenced by Court.

Nicholas and John Pauley were placed at the bar on a charge of a breach of the peace toward Valentine Vinegart. They intimated their intention to kill Vinegart. They were required to give bail for their future good behaviour.

Matthew Cullen, charged with threatening to fatally burn and injure Margaret Fure, was obliged to pay the costs of prosecution.

Henry Wersner, charged with abandoning his wife, was called up. Five months ago the couple had a quarrel, and the husband left the house and has been absent ever since. Wersner, being but a young man, not more than twenty-one years, said he was willing to support his family in a child style his young wife desired. He expressed his willingness, however, to support her in an humble way when the Court allowed him to depart.

Peggy Lallie was called up on a charge of surety of the peace, by Mrs. Catherine Smith-feld street. No. 112, opposite Postoffice. a

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A Model of Beauty.—The show window of Mr. C. Terheyden, Manufacturing Jeweler, No. 136 Smithfield street, presents the finest and richest display of fine watches, fine sets of jewelry, rings, bracelets, charms, sleeve buttons, &c., of any store in the city and his prices are astonishingly low. Give him a call

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Flowers and Wreaths, for funerals, at Murdoch's, opposite Postoffice. a

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Fern Cases, at John R. & A. Murdoch's, 11 Smithfield street, opposite Postoffice. a 2

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Baskets of Flowers, at John R. & A. Murdoch's, 112 Smithfield street, opposite Postoffice. a

Gas and axe the fine stock of boots, shoes, gaiters, etc., at Dieffenbacker & Co.'s, Fifth avenue, near Market street.

Miss Burdett Coutts, in her letter declining to be a candidate for the London School Board, said: "I entertain a strong opinion that the presence of a lady could only be an embarrassment to the discussions which must take place at the Board, and that, at least for the present, the School Board will have to deal more with administration than with education, in which sphere a woman's influence and experience could be of most avail. As I shall regret to see women excluded for the office, I could not, of course, allow myself to be nominated. I must, in conclusion, beg you to believe how sensible I am of the honor conferred upon me, though in my sense that I am not, from circumstances, the best person to represent your interests at the Board. I would make my decline, even if my early and long experience of electioneering life during my late father's lifetime had not deeply impressed me with the feeling that it is best for the advantage of us all that ladies should not enter into the toilsome and difficult arena."

DIED:

SHAFFER.—On Sabbath morning, December 18, 1870, at 6 o'clock, MARY, daughter of J. S. and Margaret Shaffer, aged 6 years, 10 months and 18 days.

The funeral will take place from the residence of her parents, No. 140 Center avenue, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock.

CRAIG.—On Saturday morning, December 17, 1870, at 3½ o'clock, P. M., PRESLEY NEVILLE, son of Isaac and Rebecca Craig, in the 6th year of his age.

The funeral will take place from the residence of his parents, corner of Sherman avenue and Ohio street, Allegheny city, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, the 19th inst., at 2 o'clock. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

HUGHES.—Suddenly, on Thursday, December 14, at 6½ o'clock, P. M., Mrs. KATHLEEN H. HUGHES, aged 44 years, late Dr. William Hughes, U. S. A., and wife of C. T. Hughes, this city.

Funeral THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON at 2 o'clock, from the residence of her husband, Butler street, Lawrenceville.

WADDINGTON.—On Saturday morning at 8 o'clock, Miss LAURA WADDINGTON, daughter of Benjamin and Abbie Waddington, aged 20 years and 18 days.

The funeral will take place from the residence of her parents, Ford street, near Brighton Road, Allegheny, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, the 19th inst., at 2 o'clock. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

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CALCINED PLASTER.—50 barrels Nova Scotia Calcined Plaster in store and for sale by JOHN A. REINHAW, 141 First street.

METEOROLOGICAL RECORD.

Observations Made by the Storm Signal Service of the United States Army.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 18, 1870.

	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
	7:22	4:23	11:23
Height of Barometer	30.07	30.09	30.16
Change since last report	.00	.02	.05
Thermometer	30°	32°	31°
Change in last 24 hours	4°	4°	3°
Direction of wind	W.	W.	S.
Velocity of wind—miles per hour			
Pressure of wind—pounds per square foot			
Force of wind reduced to Beaufort scale—approx	C.	B.	B.
Amount of cloud	½	½	½
Rain-fall since last report—inches and hdths			
State of weather	3	3	3

Notes—In the telegraphic reports, only the variations of the Barometer since the last reports are given; decrease being marked here and throughout the table by the minus sign.

Character of the winds, to save space, is indicated by letters of the alphabet, as follows: A, just perceptible; B, gentle break; C, pleasant brisk; D, very brisk; E, high wind; F, very high wind; G, strong gale; H, violent gale; I, hurricane; J, most violent hurricane.

State of the weather is expressed by figures from 1 to 6: 1 being clear, so cloud; 2, fair, ¼ to ½ cloud; 3, cloudy, ½ to wholly covered; 4, light rain; 5, heavy rain; 6, snow.

The barometer is corrected for temperature, elevation and instrumental error.

JAS. WEST, Observer.

Amusements.

Opera House.—The engagement of Mr. Emmett, which closed Saturday night at the Opera House, was without precedent in point of success. This evening Lotta, an old favorite who always plays to full houses in this city, will begin an engagement of two weeks.

Mrs. Grundy.—No one should forget the lecture at Library Hall to-night, nor neglect to go, for no doubt it will be a rare intellectual treat. So-called comic lecturers are common enough, but De Cordova's are very few. Wit and humor, genuine and unalloyed, are not always to be had when wanted, and those who delight in them should not allow this opportunity to pass by without taking advantage of it. Mr. DeCordova has a long list of a score or more of lecturers, any one of which is sure, when announced for delivery, to fill any hall in New York, but from among these all, the one upon Mrs. Grundy is his favorite, and, if we have been correctly informed, he himself chose it as the one he would best like to deliver in this city. We expect to see the hall crowded to the utmost verge of comfort to-night.

Academy.—Notwithstanding the excellent entertainments at the Academy of Music during last week, Mrs. Hexner announces still greater attractions for the present week. D. L. Morris, the original Dutch commedian is on the bills, and will appear this evening as "Richard No. 3." The French gymnasts, Mons. D'Atalie, Mlle. Angela, Young Zephyr, the athletic prodigy, Charles and Carrie Austin in their lightning bayonet exercise and zouave drill, the Le Van Brothers and a host of others, will appear this evening and every evening this week.

Varieties.—The bill offered for the entertainment this week at this parlorous, by Mr. Aims of the Varieties, for the present week, is one of exceeding brilliancy, as it includes some of the leading artists in the variety business. Prof. De Lave family whose "thrilling feats in the air" have astonished the world will appear every night this week in connection with a host of other brilliant attractions.

Canary birds and cages at John R. & A. Murdoch's, 112 Smithfield street, opposite Postoffice. a

John Stevenson's Sons & Co., 93 Market street, have opened for the holidays a fine assortment of

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PERSONALS.

Mr. John McDermott, of Latrobe, is in the city.

Prof. Ebell, Ph. D., is to lecture at College Chapel three evenings this week.

Hon. Norman B. Judd, of Illinois, one of the ablest Republican Statesman of the West, was in the city last week.

Cashier Conklin, of the Opera House was presented with a magnificent and beautiful amethyst ring, last week, as a mark of esteem and regard from Emmett.

In the wind that Capt. Reed, of the Toombs, is to